

REMARKS

This Amendment accompanies Applicants' Request for Continued Examination. No new matter has been added. Though the instant application had been allowed, upon further review Applicants noted that the allowed claims included several unnecessary limitations which impacted the clarity of the claims. This RCE is provided to amend the claims accordingly.

In view of both the amendments presented above and the following discussion, Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are in allowable form. It is to be understood that Applicants, by amending the claims, do not acquiesce to the Examiner's characterizations of the art of record or to Applicants' subject matter recited in the pending claims. Further, Applicants are not acquiescing to the Examiner's statements as to the applicability of the art of record to the pending claims by filing the instant response including amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the claims presently in the application are patentable. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Eamon J. Wall at (732) 842-8110 X120 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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